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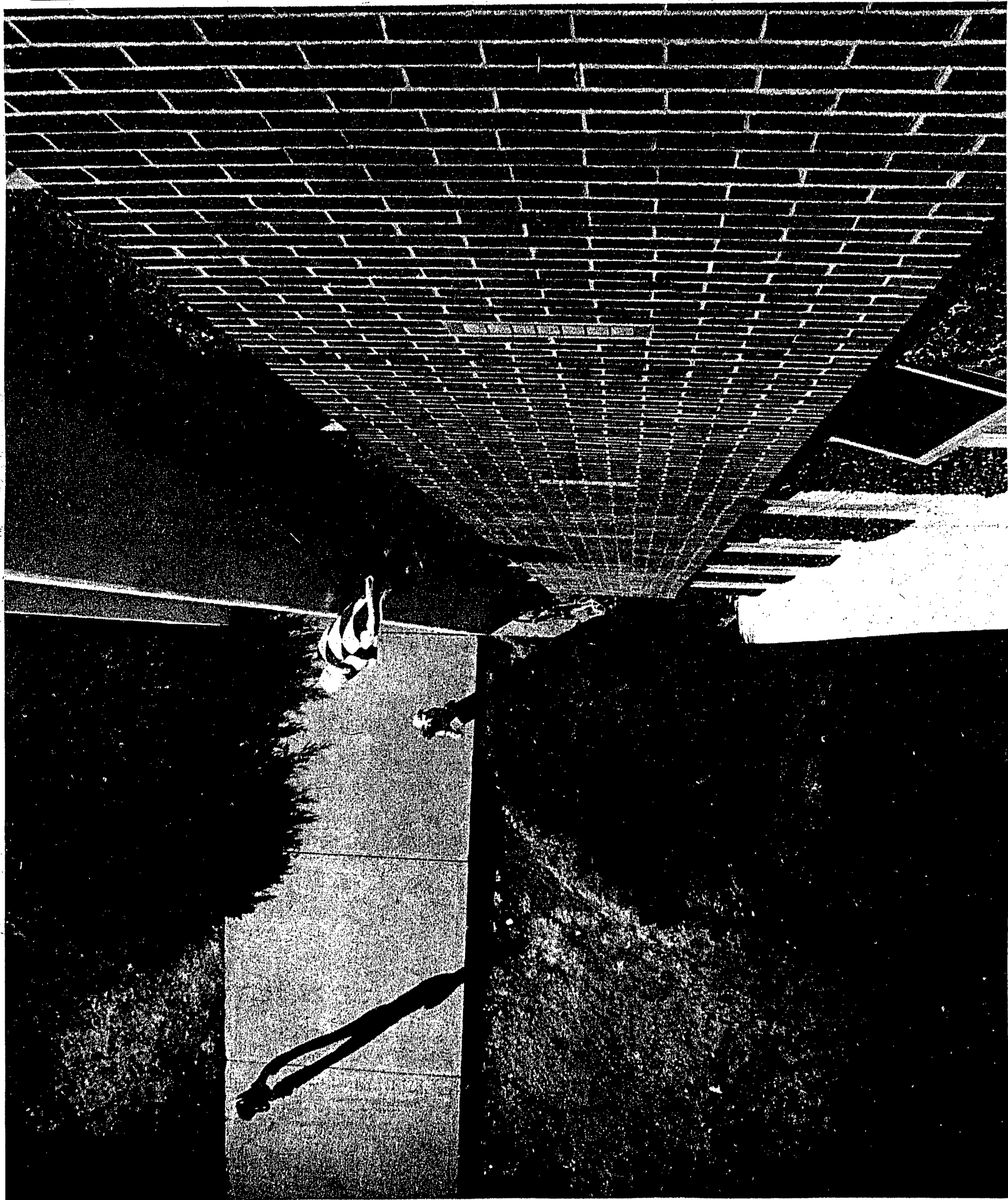


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# ON THE COVER

During a fire in the high rise dormitory, students above the third floor cannot be reached by the Maryville Public Safety Department's equipment.

An NWMSU student is shown simulating this problem, as he tries to escape from the fourth floor lounge in Phillips Hall.



## NEWS

### NOTES

#### FULTON ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS

Applications are being taken for the NWMSU nomination for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program, a memorial established by the national government. One student from Missouri will receive the award.

To be eligible, the student must be a present sophomore and must have a 'B' average or better. He must also be interested in a career in public service.

This scholarship may be used during the student's junior and senior year and two years of graduate school. Those interested should contact Dr. Richard Fulton at ext. 1291 before Nov. 20.

#### UNIVERSITY HOSTS CHOIR AUDITIONS

NWMSU hosted the auditions for the 176-member All-State Choir last Saturday, according to Byron Mitchell, NWMSU assistant professor of music.

A choral clinic was also held, in conjunction with the choir auditions. The All-State Choir consists of high school juniors and seniors.

#### Workshops to end Nov. 8

Final sessions of workshops for local elected officials will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the Student Union on the NWMSU campus and Wednesday, Nov. 15 at City Hall in Cameron, Mo.

Three NWMSU faculty members, Dr. Richard Fulton, Dr. Jerald Breeke and Dr. David McLoughlin are involved in these workshops.

The workshops, financed through a state grant by the Division of Community Development to NWMSU's political science department, will provide a service to the community and the area. Councilmen and council leaders are invited to attend.

#### DEPARTMENT TO SPONSOR BANQUET

The history and humanities department is sponsoring a banquet for students with majors and minors in the department to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 15. The dinner will be held in the east cafeteria of the Student Union.

Those wishing to attend the dinner should contact their faculty advisor to make their reservations.

#### STUDENT SENATE TO MEET Nov. 7

The Student Senate will hold their meeting at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 in the Millikan Hall lounge.

#### Coffee house performance by THREE

A coffeehouse will feature performances by David Bennett, Kim Blaylock and Paula Orht at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

#### JAZZ CONCERT AND CLINIC SLATED

A free jazz concert and clinic will be held Monday, Nov. 6, featuring the Kansas City Jazz Quintet. The clinic and concert will be in Room 116 of the Fine Arts building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### 'BITE THE BULLET' AT HORACE MANN

The Union Board will sponsor the showing of the movie, *Bite the Bullet* on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2 and 3 in the Horace Mann auditorium.

#### CLASS WANTS WORK

Dr. Anderson's 355 Reading in the Elementary School class will be available to work for faculty and students Nov. 6-10, to raise money for a field trip to the Council Bluffs schools.

If anyone wishes to hire someone to type, wash clothes, rake leaves, wash cars, babysit, etc., call ext. 1233.

#### INTERNATIONAL SERIES PRESENTS FILM

*The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum*, a film based on the novel by Heinrich Boll, will be shown Sunday, Nov. 5, as the fourth presentation of the International Film Series. The 1975 German film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Horace Mann auditorium.

#### CHESS TOURNAMENT held Nov. 7

The first annual NWMSU chess tournament will be held Nov. 7, with prizes awarded to the three top finishers. The cash prizes will be based on the number of entries received.

The tournament, with an entry fee of \$2, is a double elimination round robin. It will be held in the Den.

Anyone wishing to sign up for the tournament should contact Adrian Huk at ext. 1263.

#### STUDENT SENATE SEEKS SUGGESTIONS

Got an idea? The Student Senate wants to know about it.

The Student Information committee has placed five suggestion boxes on campus. Ideas and complaints from these boxes will be reviewed by the Student Senate and forwarded to the appropriate committee or office.

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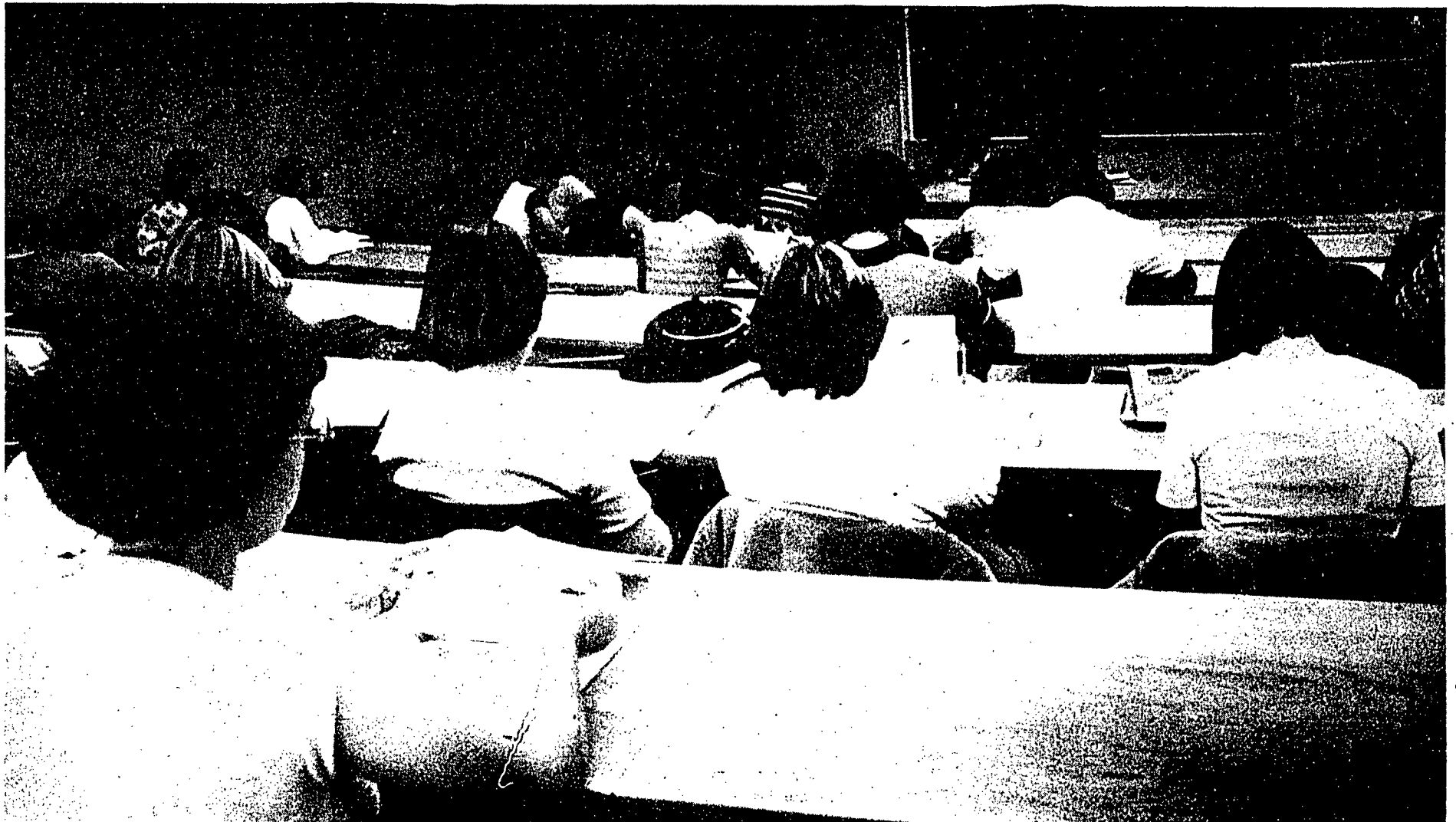
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Each semester students have a chance to evaluate their instructors' performances through an informal questionnaire.

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# Student evaluations may have flaws

by Mary Beth Clayton and Doug Geer

Student evaluations of a teacher are a valuable tool for the teacher, but there are problems with the present system many students and faculty members believe.

At the end of each semester teachers distribute evaluation sheets to each student in their classes. These sheets inform the teacher of how the students feel about their performance and instruction.

"Teacher evaluations are required to be given to the students in every class taught by the teacher for fall or spring," said Dr. George English, vice president for academic affairs. "My job is to assist the faculty in the development of excellence in instruction. Teacher evaluations made by the students are only one part of the process used to evaluate our teachers and they are of good value."

**"Student evaluations should be critical but also fair."**

**Douglas Fritsche**

After the evaluations are completed, they are returned to the department heads or the teachers. When all of the printouts and results are received, they are made into computer printouts for the department chairman and teachers. The chairman then summarizes the evaluations for each teacher.

"They're valuable to me and I have used them for five years," said Douglas Fritsche. "They are very important to a faculty member and students should fill them out with that in mind. They should be critical but also fair." He believes often there is no way he can change some things he receives in the evaluation results because some of the questions are not really applicable to his accounting classes.

"Many times they lack consistency," said Fritsche. "A student may rate a teacher high on individual questions then give him a lower overall rating."

Homer LeMar of the Psychology Department believes evaluations by a student is a valuable tool for the teacher.

"Student evaluations of teachers are good because this school was built for the students, not the administration or faculty," LeMar said. "I look for weaknesses when I look

at my evaluations. It always appears to me that the students put thought into answering the evaluations. This is very helpful to the faculty."

Vice-president of Student Development Dr. John Mees agrees with LeMar.

"Student evaluations are very important if properly used and constructed," Mees said. "Their chief purpose is to provide the faculty member with feedback from students about their course and instruction. This will help the faculty member to improve his instruction and our institution as a whole."

The most widely used form of evaluation is the one developed by the University. However, some of the departments use their own form of evaluation.

"There are several forms used in the University," said Speech Department Chairwoman Kathie Webster. "The one in speech is different than the others. There are eight or nine other areas covered by our evaluation including his presentation, knowledge and adequacy of his subject along with an evaluation of his grading policy."

Teachers may also use typewritten questions with supplemental answers for rating. This would enable the student to give a more valid and opinioned response, said Webster.

"In our department, we look at the evaluations and we look for our weaknesses and try to improve them," replied Webster. "These are not the only evaluations we use. Dr. Robert Bohlken and I visit the classes and make our own observations. I think the student evaluations are necessary because they provide a way to see how a student feels."

NWMSU's Math Department also uses an alternative to the University-prepared evaluation form.

"The form we use is different than that of the University," said Dr. Gary McDonald. "It is our own form from our division. We use the results the same as other divisions in that each teacher reads them and they are also used in overall evaluations of the department."

But the uses for the evaluations don't stop here. They also have an effect on whether a teacher will receive a raise from the department, a promotion or if they will be considered for tenure.

Even though the evaluations are of good use there are some setbacks believe some instructors.

"They are not sufficient enough," said Dr. McDonald. "We need to get to know the students and talk over the problems we may have. It would be more useful for us to

talk to the student during a course. We should get the student reactions throughout the semester so you can work with a student on a complaint. We need to have more face to face talks."

Dr. English also sees other problems with the present form of evaluations. He believes there is a lack of uniformity between department evaluations.

The Student Senate has taken interest in the type of evaluations used on campus. Student President Darrel Zellers has appointed off-campus Senators Roger Scarbrough and Dave Hunt to head evaluation committee.

A task force, composed of students and faculty, will look at the possibilities and alternatives for new types of evaluations.

There needs to be a lot of research done on evaluations," said Scarbrough. "We need to take the time to find out which evaluation works out the best, which one is the most valid and consistent."

The Student Senate is working for effort by the students, faculty, and administration to develop a uniform evaluation.

"Because of other workloads, the departments simply do not have the time to work on valid evaluations," said Scarbrough. "We want to volunteer to do the legwork and research along with the faculty and department heads to help us with research on a new system. We need their cooperation."

Zellers presented Senate's suggestions to NWMSU President Dr. B. D. Owens Monday.

**Senate's goals outlined in three steps.**

"Our goal," Zellers said, "is to better the educative process at NWMSU by 1) Providing instructors with an evaluative tool that can be used to better teaching performance, 2) by equipping division heads and administrators with a process to aid them in improving faculty performance and, 3) by supplying students with additional criteria for course selection."

President Owens was pleased with the Student Senate's efforts.

"The Senate has already begun research on this topic," President Owens said. "They are taking a very responsive approach and I am impressed with their approach. We will give them every bit of cooperation we can."

# Arson suspected in high rise fire

by Ben Holder

The third dormitory fire within seven days involving cardboard trash containers broke out on the sixth floor ironing room of Phillips Hall late Friday. Arson is the suspected cause.

The fire, the second in two weeks on the sixth floor of Phillips, injured one student.

Bruce Soren, Phillips 603, was treated for smoke inhalation and released. Soren had attempted to extinguish the fire, but was overcome with black smoke containing toxic fumes caused by melting plastic.

The alarm was set off at approximately 11:45 p.m., just one hour earlier than the fire alarm the previous week. Maryville Public Safety Officers and security officers extinguished the small blaze using dry chemical extinguishers.

Damage was similar to the other trash fires with the trash container completely destroyed and smoke damage to surrounding walls.

Due to the similarities of the three fires, security officers suspect arson, according to security investigator Roger Crumpton.

"We do suspect arson," said Crumpton, "but it is still under investigation."

"Basically, we suspect arson because this fire was the third in seven days involving the same circumstances," said Crumpton.

Crumpton said although there were no suspects, pursay, "we do have a statement that says a person was seen and heard in the area immediately following the fire."

Phillips residents were stranded in the downstairs lounge about an hour after the

fire had been brought under control. The reason for this said Crumpton was "to air smoke out and to make sure the fire had been thoroughly contained."

Respondents to the alarm included two security safety vehicles, three security officers, two Maryville Fire Department vehicles, two Maryville Public Safety vehicles and the Nodaway County Ambulance.

In an effort to alleviate susceptibility to future fires, Crumpton said metal trash containers will soon be installed.

## Apathy affects student voters

Although the majority of students at NWMSU are eligible to vote, approximately 20 percent will go to the polls in the upcoming election, according to Dr. Richard Fulton, political science professor.

"Studies show that the younger you are the less you tend to vote," said Dr. Fulton.

"National statistics show that the 18 to 21 year-olds are the poorest percent in terms of voter registration," agreed Dr. Jerald Brekke, political science professor.

The reasons behind apathy vary but many students feel politics don't directly affect them.

"They're not stabilized in a job yet and they have so many other interests," said Dr. Brekke. "Young people haven't seen how important politics are."

"Students don't have a basic interest in the community yet," said Dr. Fulton. "They're also away from where they'd normally vote."

Student voting may be low but apathy is also a problem among all ages and social groups.

"We're in a reaction period from the sixties," said Dr. Fulton. "Students have retreated from politics to other interests."

"The general attitude is that politics is kind of hopeless with Watergate and all," said Dr. Brekke.

Compared to all 18-21 year-olds, college students are the least apathetic.

"The more educated have a higher level of interest, but voting is more of a hassle for students," said Dr.

Brekke. "In their own local area, they've heard of the local politicians, but here the students don't know them."

One of the problems in apathy is many voters aren't informed.

"I think students are fairly well-informed," said Dr. Fulton. "But because they're not overly interested in politics, they're not too informed. People get informed about things that touch their interests."

"Students are as informed as most people," said Dr. Brekke. "Snowden and Coleman have both been on campus and we had some students come and ask good questions."

During the sixties, college students showed more interest in politics than today.

"In total voting, there's probably not too much difference between now and the sixties," said Dr. Fulton. "But there are a lot fewer students actively involved in politics."

"Partially there are no issues. When the major issues are economic, it's hard for students to get involved because their economic situation is pretty unstable. Things like foreign policy or the draft get them involved," he said.

"Students were very interested during the war and the sixties," said Dr. Brekke. "Now they're more like the general population in terms of the level of political interest."



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# MCSGA selects Director

The Missouri Collegiate Student Government Association (MCSGA), which held their third meeting on campus last weekend, selected Lynn Mudd as new Executive Director following the resignation of Mike Parnell.

According to Greg Hatten, NWMSU executive board member and organizer of the meeting, Parnell of Northeast Missouri State University, who was selected by the general assembly at the last meeting, has resigned because he was defeated in a student government election at NEMSU.

"It was hard for him to stay involved because he wasn't in the government on both (local and state) levels," said Hatten. "Kirksville as well as the MCSGA suffered because of that."

A formal letter of resignation should be received by the Association within the next two weeks.

Lynn Mudd, an executive board member from Cape Girardeau, was elected Executive Director for last weekend's meeting and for the next meeting, which will be held in Cape Girardeau this spring. An executive board meeting will be held in late January to set up the organization's constitution.

"The organization is still formulating, so to insure its running smoothly, Mudd was

elected from a central location," said Hatten.

A total of 24 voting delegates attended the conference, including five from NWMSU. Those universities present were Northeast Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, South west Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University and host NWMSU. The only member of the association who did not send delegates was the University of Missouri-Columbia.

A series of workshops was held Saturday, with topics including leadership, what student government is, general information, student evaluation, intramurals and school constitutions.

"The workshops were outstanding and really productive," said Hatten. "They pointed out things and broke the ice. People got acquainted during them and this made the overall sessions run smoother."

"We accomplished quite a bit. We found out what other universities have that we don't by comparing budgets, food and housing. These are all different from university to university. We can incorporate some of these new ideas into the constitution at NWMSU," he said.

Senator Hardin Cox was the guest speaker at the banquet held Sunday in the

ballroom of the Student Union, followed by a question and answer session with the MCSGA delegates.

The NWMSU chapters of Delta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon hosted open parties on Friday and Saturday evenings, in which MCSGA members were invited.

"The fraternities were very receptive to the MCSGA members," said Hatten, "and left a very favorable impression with the members. We all had a really good time."

"In the past, the actual general assembly business meeting has always been somewhat of an organizational problem. Although we all run by the Roberts Rules of Order, each university uses it at different degrees," said Hatten.

"These questions of order are confusing, but it's an educational process orienting ourselves to it. We have to come up with a workable system, and it takes about an hour to adjust to this order, but once it gets going, it runs pretty smoothly," he said.

"Our boast of being Missouri's most beautiful campus proved to be correct, according to their comments. They'll take these impressions back to their universities," said Hatten.

"It was a perfect weekend for the meeting, and it was a very good reflection on the University," said Hatten.

## Student Court tries 'medium' cases

Student Court has been recently formed to handle "medium" campus offenses.

"Most minor violations are handled by head residents in the dorms and serious offenses are taken care of by the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee. Student Court handles the 'medium' cases," said Bruce Wake, Student Court advisor.

Student Court consists of five members from Student Senate, two from IRC and an advisor. Once Student Court had been notified of the student's violation, the accused is sent a letter informing him of

the time and date of the discipline committee, the charges against him and possible punishment. He will be informed that he may bring a character witness and that he will be given five to seven days to prepare his defense. After the trial, the court will hold a closed session, at which time they will determine whether the defendant is guilty or not and the appropriate punishment.

Students found guilty may appeal to the Appeals Board, which is made up of students appointed by the Student Senate

President and approved by the Student Senate.


In order to appeal, the students must tell the advisor within 24 hours of the decision. The written appeal must be presented to the advisor within three days.

Students who appeal are not entitled to a re-hearing, but instead, the appeal board will review three issues of the hearing. The first issue is whether or not the hearing board conducted itself appropriately, and allowed the accused allotted amount of time to prepare his defense. The second issue is whether the evidence

presented against the accused was significant enough to justify a guilty decision with the last issue whether the punishment imposed was in accordance to the wrong-doing.

The Appeals Board may waive the hearing board's decision, accept the hearing board's report or return the case to the hearing board for further hearings.

"After every violation, the student will receive a written note that states they must prove that they can stay out of trouble. The first violation usually has restrictions," Wake said.




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# Bomb threat fizzles out

A bomb threat Oct. 26 caused the evacuation of Dieterich Hall, but a search of the high-rise dorm failed to turn up anything.

At 11:46 p.m. the previous night Campus Security received a call from a woman who had just ended a telephone conversation with her son, who lived in Dieterich Hall. She thought her son may have planted a bomb there. "I'm really sort of worried about this," she said.

The caller refused to give her name or address, but indicated that she lived in the Kansas City area.

She also refused to identify her son.

"Campus Security will probably know who he is. He lives at Dieterich," she said.

The woman also indicated that her son was undergoing professional psychiatric care.

"He's been seeing a doctor or counselor of some type," she stated.

However, Campus Security has been unable to locate the caller's son.

"We exhausted every effort to locate this person through the counseling center," said Earl Brailey, Director of Security.

The housing contracts from Dieterich Hall were also searched for any leads to a possible suspect.

Unable to find a possible suspect, Campus Security decided to evacuate Dieterich Hall at 2:06 a.m. and conduct a room-by-room search for a bomb.

Officers from Campus Security, Maryville Public Safety Department, Nodaway County Sheriff's Department and two Missouri State Conservation agents participated in the search.

A Nodaway County ambulance and four Maryville fire trucks stood by in case of an emergency.

The search was completed at 3:35 a.m. No bomb was found and residents were allowed to return to their rooms.

## Delta Chis host parents

Delta Chis and their little sisters, the Chi Delphians, will do their part in bridging the generation gap as they host their parents in a special Parents' Weekend, Nov. 11 and 12.

According to Greg Whitaker, chapter president, many activities are being scheduled for the event.

Doughnuts and coffee will be served at the fraternity house for the parents Saturday morning and at 1:30 p.m. the members and their parents will attend the NWMSU-SEMSU football game.

"After the game, they will have about two hours to themselves," said Whitaker. "A banquet will be held for them Saturday evening."

After the banquet, a party will be

held for the Delta Chis, alumni and parents.

Activities were not scheduled on Sunday so the parents may spend some time with their sons and daughters before leaving Sunday afternoon.

"We've had this (Parents' Weekend) for at least three years," said Whitaker. "It's becoming an annual event."

Jim Dyer and Whitaker are in charge of the weekend, and the little sisters will assist during the event.

"Parents Weekend seems to be the biggest success of the fall for us," said Whitaker. "The parents get a kick out of it. It's a party atmosphere, and it gives the people a chance to meet the other parents."



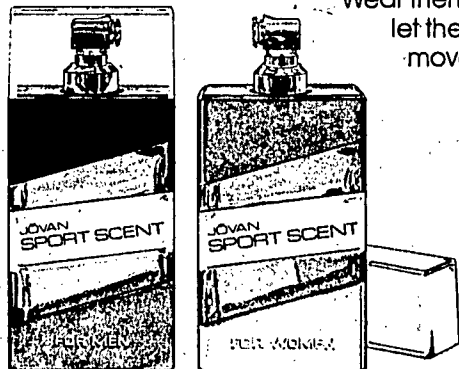
Photo by Gail Adams

Circle K, a campus service organization, held a Halloween party for 115 Maryville senior citizens at the Senior Citizens' Center Oct. 30. "The emphasis was to have a party for those who otherwise wouldn't have had one," said Perry Echleberger. The party included a skit, pumpkin carols, games and refreshments. "We had almost twice as many as we had last year," said Circle K member Lisa Wilson. The organization raised money for the party by selling Halloween insurance to Maryville businesses.

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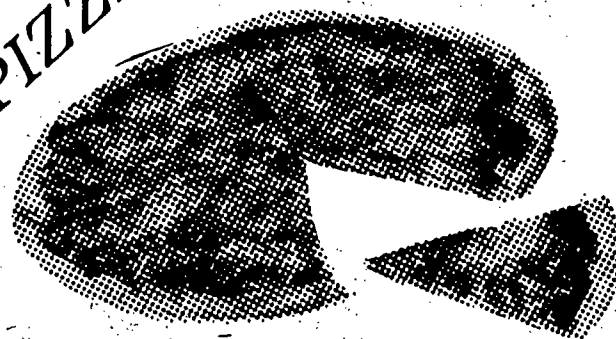


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First, you must realize that once the basics of mountaineering are mastered, it is only nuance which distinguishes the true artists from the merely adequate. Therefore, attention to detail, especially in matters of clothing, is vital.

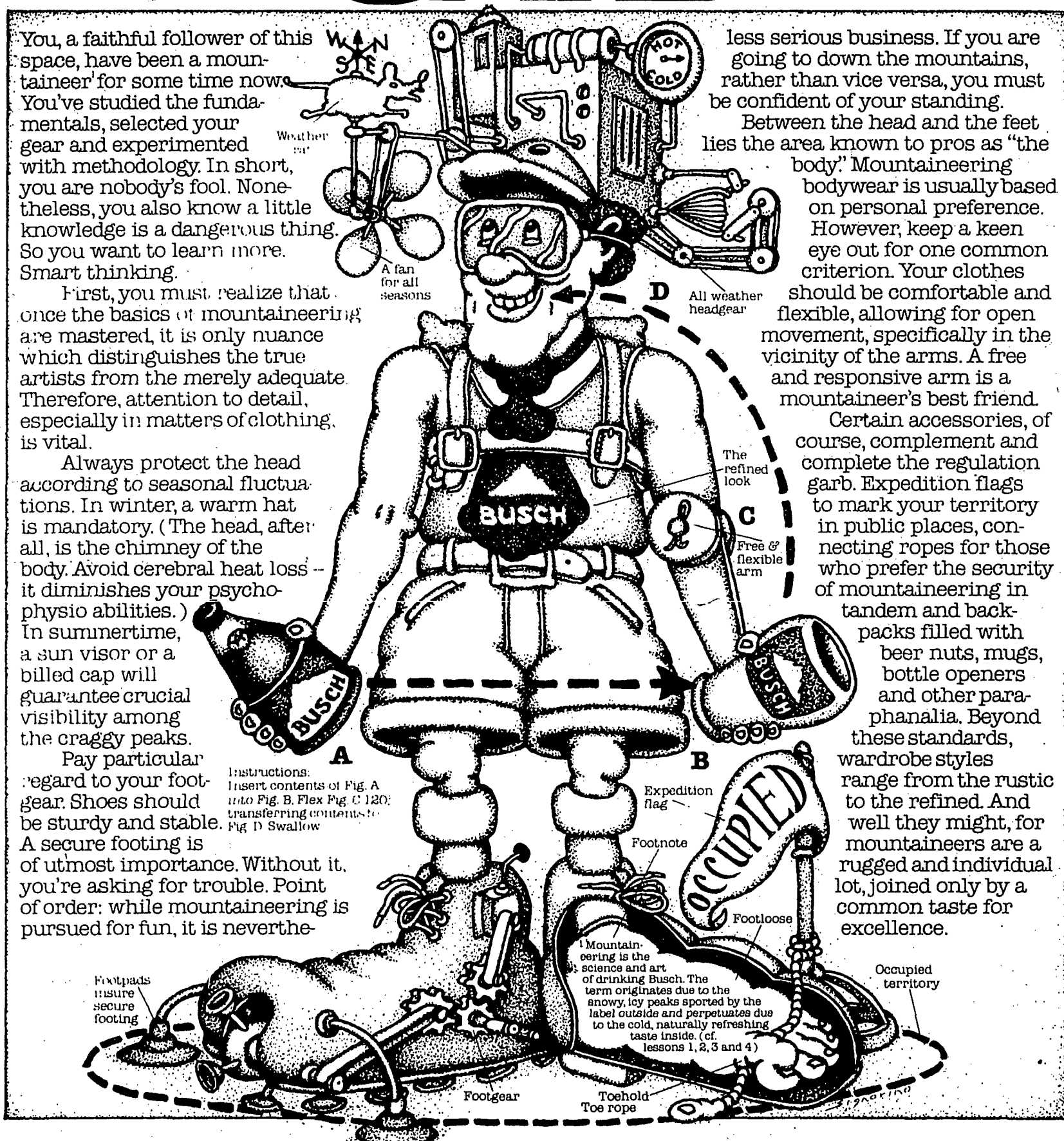
Always protect the head according to seasonal fluctuations. In winter, a warm hat is mandatory. (The head, after all, is the chimney of the body. Avoid cerebral heat loss -- it diminishes your psychophysio abilities.) In summertime, a sun visor or a billed cap will guarantee crucial visibility among the craggy peaks.

Pay particular regard to your footgear. Shoes should be sturdy and stable. A secure footing is of utmost importance. Without it, you're asking for trouble. Point of order: while mountaineering is pursued for fun, it is neverthe-

less serious business. If you are going to down the mountains, rather than vice versa, you must be confident of your standing.

Between the head and the feet lies the area known to pros as "the body." Mountaineering bodywear is usually based on personal preference. However, keep a keen eye out for one common criterion. Your clothes should be comfortable and flexible, allowing for open movement, specifically in the vicinity of the arms. A free and responsive arm is a mountaineer's best friend.

Certain accessories, of course, complement and complete the regulation garb. Expedition flags to mark your territory in public places, connecting ropes for those who prefer the security of mountaineering in tandem and backpacks filled with beer nuts, mugs, bottle openers and other paraphernalia. Beyond these standards, wardrobe styles range from the rustic to the refined. And well they might, for mountaineers are a rugged and individual lot, joined only by a common taste for excellence.



# BUSCH



# FIRE

## Escape may be difficult from high-rise dorms

Text by Suzanne Cruzen

Photos by Jim MacNeil



It rises 45 feet—just high enough to reach the bottom of the third floor of the high-rise dorms. But for approximately 800 residents, the window and the ladder of the Maryville Public Safety Department offer no escape from a fire.

For these residents, the escape must be made by the stairwells located at each end of the dorm halls. Made from concrete and steel, "There's nothing in the stairwells to burn," said Director of Campus Security Earl Brailey. "You can go by floors totally engulfed in flames without the danger of getting hurt."

The danger may be in getting to the stairwells. It's the smoke, and not the blaze, that presents the biggest problem.

"The smoke is usually what gets a person," said Gary MacMahon, acting director of public safety. "If they breathe a three percent concentration of carbon monoxide for one minute, they could die very easily."

One minute. Evacuation time this semester has ranged from four and one-half minutes during a Franken Hall fire drill to 30 minutes during a bomb threat.

"The children in Horace Mann can evacuate quicker than college students," said MacMahon. "They were out of the building in one minute and 30 seconds."

Making sure everyone is out of the building is the first goal of Public Safety. With a response time of two to three minutes, "our first objective is the people inside," said MacMahon. "Firefighting comes second."

Firefighting and getting a person out are done the same way—by going into the burning building by the stairwells.

"That's why firefighting is the most dangerous profession today," said MacMahon, "because there are people who will go up."

Twenty-seven Maryville firefighters may go up to get a person out of a burning building. With their fire equipment, firefighters can stay in a 500-degree fire for 30 minutes.

"We may drown that building, but we'll get up there," said MacMahon.

While they're on their way up, a student trapped in his room should keep the door closed, open the window for fresh air and yell for help.

"I know it's a hard thing to do, but don't panic," said MacMahon. "Seal the doors with clothes, towels or sheets. Put

something over your head to filter the air you breathe."

And it's up the same stairs to fight the fire. With their pre-rolled hose, the Maryville firefighters always attack the fire from the inside of the building.

Although their equipment—which includes four firetrucks and two utility vehicles—is able to throw water over the top of the high-rise dorms, the firemen cannot approach the fire from the outside. If a door to a room was left open and water was shot into the room from the outside, "the water would push the fire 300 feet along the dorm hall," said MacMahon.

The Public Safety Department also has equipment to use the dorm air-conditioning system to force smoke out of the building within two or three minutes.

Mutual aid from 20 nearby towns is another option open for the Public Safety Department.

"Within 25 or 30 minutes, I can have 25 firetrucks and 250 firemen fighting a fire," said MacMahon. "When I've committed my third truck, I've called for mutual aid to protect the city."

But for dorm residents, fighting a fire may begin before the firetrucks arrive. The floor fire equipment may make the difference. Although \$20,000 has been spent in the last year to update the fire equipment in the dorms according to Brailey, much equipment still seems to be lacking. Declining to say when all new equipment would be installed, Brailey believes "There is better fire protection in the dorms than in the past."

The fire protection in the past may have been pretty grim.

Three years ago the Public Safety Department inspected the dorm fire equipment and found the only fire extinguishers available were soda acid extinguishers housed in the RAs' rooms. They found leaky cotton fire hoses that would cause excess water damage if used to fight a fire. By actually testing the hose, they found only a few sections out of thousands of feet that didn't blow up.

Since then, cotton-polyester hose with rubber lining has been installed in most of the dorms.

"All the dorms are supposed to have that hose," said MacMahon.

But Phillips Hall, where two fires have occurred since Oct. 21, and Franken Hall have been without hose for a month.

"The hose that was in there was no good, so it's better not to have

one than to have it blow up on someone," said Brailey.

New hoses for these dorms were ordered from Akron Brass Company. However, the company sent the wrong size adaptor fittings and they had to be returned. Adding to the delay was a three-month company strike. Brailey expects to receive and install the new hose within eight days.

But Franken and Phillips aren't the only dorms without adequate fire hoses. The North-South Complex has about ten fire equipment cabinets without a fire hose. One of the areas left unprotected is the Richardson laundry room.

The North-South Complex will also be the last to receive duty chemical extinguishers. Presently, there are more than 60 soda acid extinguishers in the complex.

"The soda acid extinguisher just doesn't have the smoldering or penetrating power that the dry chemical has," said MacMahon.

A water-based extinguisher, the soda acid type cannot be used on electrical or metal fires. It can only be used safely on paper or cardboard blazes according to MacMahon.

"The North-South Complex is the most fireproof of any dorm on campus," said Brailey. "That's the reason they will be the last to get fire extinguishers."

But Brailey declined to say when that will be.

Recently two dry chemical fire extinguishers were installed on each floor of the high-rise dorms. In the past, the fire extinguishers were kept in the RAs' rooms.

"There were no fire extinguishers on the floors because people liked to play silly little games with them," said Brailey. Now each fire extinguisher carries the threat of \$100 fine and expulsion from school, according to Brailey.

"Nobody's tampered with the fire extinguishers this year," said Marcia Barnett, residence life coordinator for Hudson and Perrin. Hudson, Perrin and Roberta have also received dry chemical fire extinguishers in the halls.

"This way they are more accessible to everybody in case of emergency," said Dave Holmes, Phillips' fourth floor RA.

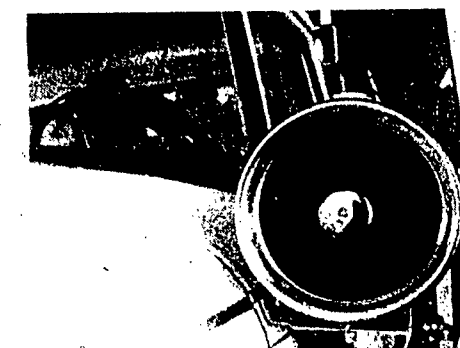
"Had we not had the fire extinguisher, the fire would have done more damage," said Brailey about the Oct. 21 fire in Phillips Hall.

There are no facilities available on campus for recharging the  
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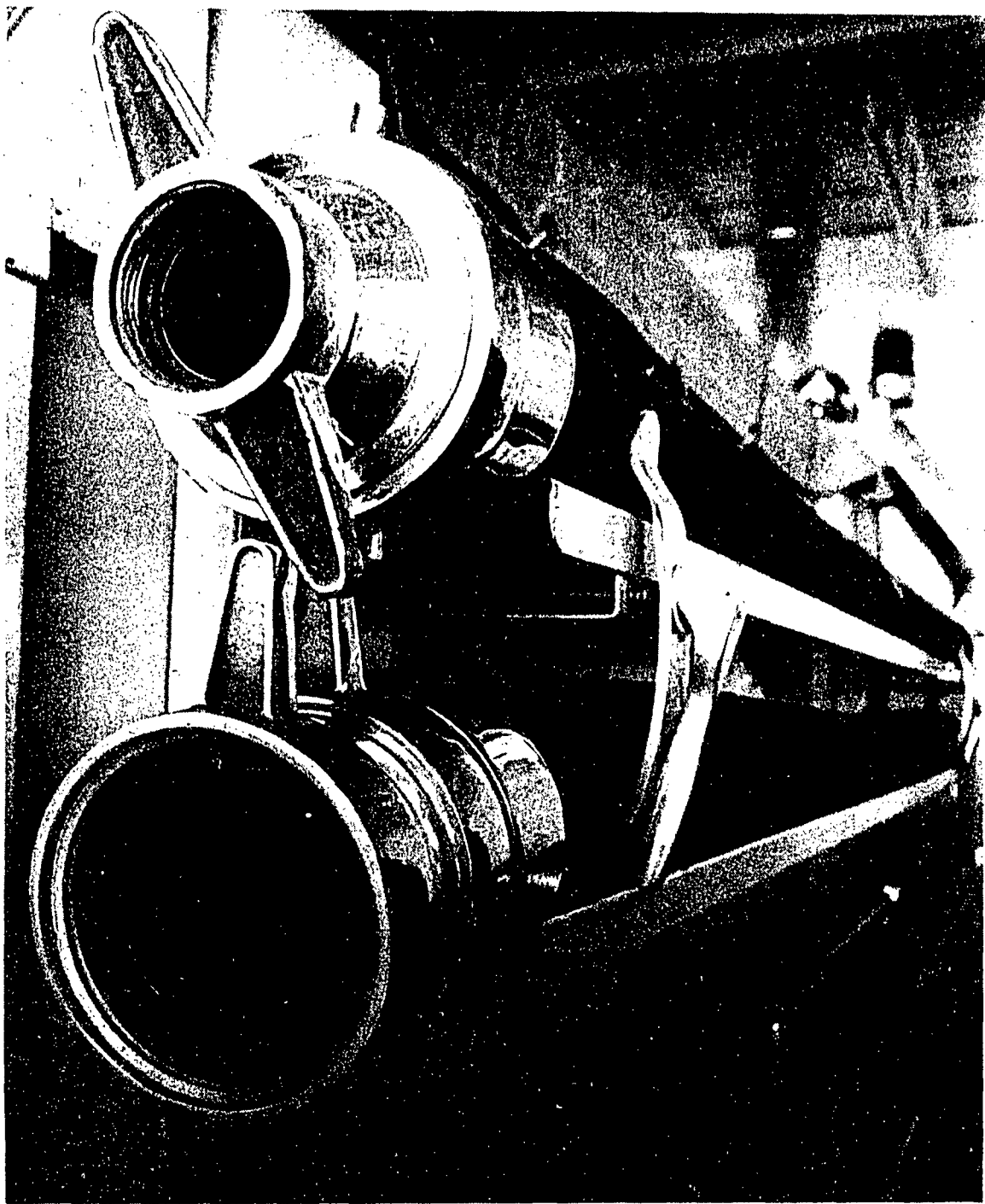


The Maryville Public Safety Department may bring four firetrucks and two utility vehicles to a dorm fire.

"Our ladders only reach to the bottom of the third floor of the high-rise dorms," said MacMahon.







# Escape difficult

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extinguishers, according to Mike Vangilder, residence life coordinator for Phillips Hall. At a cost of \$11 each, the extinguishers were recharged at Moore 'Pontiac. It takes one day for them to be recharged and returned to the dorms, according to Brailey.

The Campus Security inspects the fire extinguishers and hose monthly said Brailey. During the Christmas and summer breaks, the Public Safety Department also tests the fire hose.

"We hook up the hose and run up to 300 pounds of pressure through it," said MacMahon. They also inspect the fire extinguishers yearly and are alerted everytime the fire alarm is sounded. The Maryville firetruck has made about ten trips to the campus this semester, said MacMahon.

When the fire alarm goes off, Public Safety receives a call from both the dorm RA and Security.

They respond to all calls--fire drills, false alarms or actual fires. MacMahon believes dorm residents should also respond to all fire alarms or actual fires.

"If they hear that alarm, get out. That's what they are there for," he said.

Vangilder believes Phillips Hall has been practicing this.

"We are dealing with them in a more serious manner," he said.

"In all cases, when the alarm goes off, we evacuate the building."

The alarm has gone off for two actual fires and two false alarms in Phillips Hall this semester. They have had no fire drills.

But they're not alone.

Hudson and Millikan also have not had fire drills. During the last week, Perrin had its first drill.

"In years past, we had enough prank fire drills, we didn't have time to plan one," said Cindy Cavanaugh, Millikan's third floor RA.

During a fire drill, dorm students follow a procedure. In Perrin, the RAs and two girls per floor check every room to see that it is empty according to Barnett. Residents also put "I'm out" stickers on their doors.

"They help a lot because that saves the RA lots of time," she said.

Millikan floors have four fire captains to check the rooms according to Cavanaugh.

All dorms have the fire procedure posted on hall bulletin boards. The RAs go over the procedure with residents at their first floor meeting. The RAs, themselves, have received some training in fire safety.

"They have some training and will be having more training this fall," said Vangilder. The RA board is planning a program on fire safety soon.

The Maryville Public Safety Department can throw This prevents the unnecessary spreading of the blaze water over the high-rise dorms with this hose. through the dorm according to Gary MacMahon, However, they strive to fight the fire from inside. acting director of Public Safety.

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# Bennett 'called' to ministry at Wesley Center

by Yolanda Watson

Following in the footsteps of his great-great grandfather down to his father, the Rev. David Bennett is a fifth generation minister.

"I've been active in church since I can remember," said Bennett.

To represent Christ, counsel individuals and plan activities, Bennett serves as campus minister for the Wesley Center.

"The Wesley foundation is a special ministry of the United Methodist Church," said Bennett.

Bennett was sent to the University by his bishop from Grandview, Mo. Bennett had to fulfill the requirements of becoming an elder (fully ordained United Methodist minister) before he was assigned to the Center.

Explaining the process of becoming an ordained elder, Bennett said it takes five to seven years to complete the requirements, which includes four years of undergraduate study, and three years of graduate work at a seminar.

"I've had several events in my life where God worked with me, letting me know He was calling me into the ministry."

Defining his meaning of "being called" into the ministry, Bennett said, "The here," said Bennett.



Photo by Lori Atkins

Rev. David Bennett takes time to praise God through song. Bennett teaches a guitar class to university students on Mondays and Wednesdays.

foundation of "the call" is realizing that God loves us in the midst of our struggle, and it's God's grace that we become acceptable to Him.

If we are accepted by God, then we should be accepted by one another. And in response to God's overwhelming love and acceptance of us, we make a life commitment to serve Him."

As Campus Minister, Bennett teaches a guitar class to university students. Also, he lectures in classes as a guest speaker.

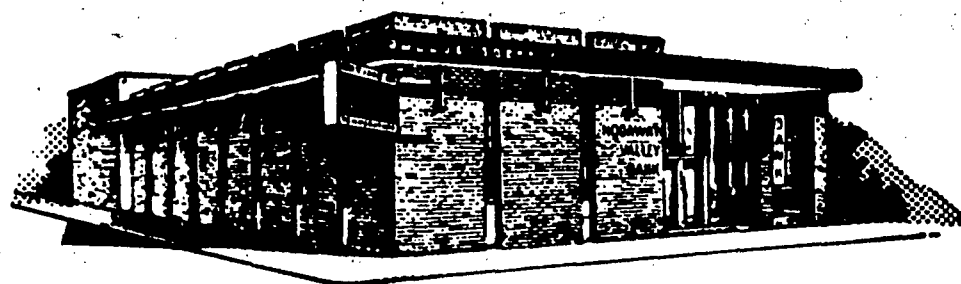
"I spoke to the Adolescent Psychology class on religious development and to the Family class on human relationships," said Bennett.

Bennett's involvement with the Wesley Center includes weekly meetings on Sunday evenings at a supper fellowship and a 30-minute worship service on Thursday evenings. The Wesley Center also has a Celebration Team which shares their testimony through songs at various local churches. Bennett said the Center hopes to get a radio spot on the campus radio station.

Other involvements include attending a training session to learn how to supervise those wanting to go into the ministry, in Oklahoma City.

"Being active in the ministry helps me realize who I am and my purpose for being here," said Bennett.

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## Victory slips through 'Cats' claws

by Cheryl Krell

Reeling from a 32-22 loss to the University of Missouri/Rolla Miners, the winless Bearcats will return to action Saturday to battle the Lincoln University Blue Tigers in their homecoming game at Jefferson City.

The Tigers, 1-6-1 so far this season are 5-5 against the 'Cats and Coach Jim Redd is making no predictions as to the outcome, although the Bearcats have won the last four consecutive games.

"I'm not making any predictions," said Redd. "I know Lincoln has had some good passing games. They have a good quarterback in Donald Dunning, who's been an excellent passer and runner."

Averaging 182.4 total yards and firing for over 1,500, Dunning who played in the '77 season as Greg Parker, but has since had his name legally changed, finished ninth in NCAA Division II total offense.

"We're just going to have to play hard and prove ourselves," said Redd.

Mistakes in the punting game appeared to be major obstacles which smothered any hopes of a win in last Saturday's game against the UMR Miners.

"Our offense and defense did real well," said Redd. "Where we fell down was in our punting game."

The Bearcats jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter on a five-yard jaunt by Ben Birchfield and were ahead 7-0 following the Shawn Geraghty extra point.

The only score that the Miners could muster against a strong Bearcat defense was on a 34-yard field goal early in the second quarter.

Retaliating later in the second on an 80-yard drive, Kirk Mathews scored on a 16-yard run. Geraghty's kick doubled the score, 14-3, and the 'Cats left the field at halftime ahead for the first time this season.

"I think we felt in command of the ball game at halftime, but we knew we still had to go out there and play 30 more minutes of hard football," said Redd.

Feelings of command were short-lived however, when junior Wayne Allen had his punt blocked by Miner Matt Stone and picked up and carried by Steve Bridgeman



Photo by Cheryl Krell

In action from last Saturday's game, punter Wayne Allen has his kick blocked by University of Missouri/Rolla Miner Matt Stone. The block, which led to a touchdown, helped to turn the game around for the Miners as they defeated the Bearcats, 32-22.

to the Bearcat three. UMR scored one play later bringing the total to 14-9.

The Bearcats began to feel the ground slip just four minutes later when the Miners connected on a 53-yard touchdown pass and took the lead for the first time, 16-14.

Executing a successful 60-yard drive two minutes later, the Miners again scored on a four-yard run and dominated the Bearcats 22-14.

The turning point of the game was felt late in the third period when Allen, punting on fourth and one from the 50-yard line,

had to chase down a bad snap from the center which went over his head. Allen was able to recover the ball and attempted to pass, only to be intercepted for the second time this season. The ball was carried to the NWMSU 11 and two plays later the Miners took advantage of the mistake and scored, 29-14.

"When the punt was snapped over the kicker's head we were behind 22-14 on the 50 with about 16 and one-half minutes to play," said Redd. "We thought that if we'd punt on fourth and one that there would be a chance that they would fumble or that since the defense was doing so well,

we could hold them by the goal line. We thought we could then make that touchdown and have a whole quarter left to come back. Instead, it was a bad snap, they ended up with the ball and the turnover was an easy touchdown for them. That put them way ahead and changed the whole momentum of the game."

The Bearcat defense held till late in the fourth quarter when the Miners again scored on a 26-yard field goal which brought the score to 32-14, but the offense could make no headway until the last two minutes of the game.

After a 54-yard drive, Mathews and Dan Montgomery teamed up for a five-yard touchdown pass and the two-point conversion run. The game ended 32-22 and left the 'Cats 0-9 for the season.

Northwest yielded 366 yards to the Miners but produced their best total offense day so far with 124 yards rushing and 256 yards passing on a season high of 88 plays.

Mathews, who equalled his school single game mark with 39 attempts and 21 completions, pushed his seasons' attempts (238) and completions (109) to new school records. He also surpassed the 4,000-yard mark for his career.

Combining with Mathews on the receiving ends were Montgomery and Brad Boyer.

Montgomery, who had his game high of eight receptions for 76 yards and Boyer who had five for 66 yards are both in contention to break a 1965 school record of 37 catches in a single season.

"The offense did real well," said Redd. "Mathews had an excellent day and we had good performances all around."

Defensively, tackle Lance Corbin tallied up 17 tackles and Rod Helfers made seven, managing to break up three passes.

"Our defense did well in controlling the ball game," said Redd. "Although they scored 32 points against us, most of these were given up by our specialty teams and not by the defense."

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Just starting off on their run, Bearkittens Toni Mohr and Vicki Gordon fight for position with two Central Missouri State runners. The Bearkitten cross country team finished third in last Saturday's meet. Sheryl Kiburz finished 10th while Gordon placed 12th. Mohr and Roberta Darr finished 16th and 17th respectively. The 'Kittens will travel to Ames, Iowa to compete in the AIAW Region 6 championships Nov. 4.

# Veteran 'Kittens aim for state title

by Ben Holder

Well-stocked with two returning starters and five returning letter winners, the 1978-79 Bearkitten basketball team, under the guidance of third year coach John Poulson, has its eye on the MAIAW championship.

Last year, the 'Kittens finished runner-up to the University of Missouri in the MAIAW state tournament and earned a third Region Six tournament trip. They finished with an overall record of 20-8, the third time a Bearkitten squad has won at least 20 games in a season.

Returning from last year's starting lineup are forward Suzi Livengood and guard Julie Schmitz, both seniors. Schmitz leads the school in assists and was an MAIAW tournament all-star last year. Averaging 12.9 points per game last season, she was the 'Kittens third leading scorer. Livengood finished strong in 1977, also earning tournament all-star status.

Poulson expects each of the girls to set winning examples for the rest of the squad. "We are counting heavily on our two seniors to provide leadership for the younger players," said Poulson.

The returning letter winners are topped by 5'11" sophomores Julie Chadwick and Patty Painter. Both girls saw some starting action last season and will be competing for forward positions in '78. Painter could see some playing time at the guard position, according to Poulson. Chadwick returns after a freshman season in which she averaged 10.6 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Another sophomore, Cheryl Nowack, is expected to add support to the 'Kitten front line.

Of the four 77-78 returning squad members, junior guard Cindy Scheiber has the most experience, although guards Linda Amos and Marlene Walter will figure in on the Bearkitten scheme this season.

Though Poulson has several experienced varsity 'Kittens back, he has confidence that some of his 19 newly-recruited freshmen will contribute to the Bearkitten cause.

"We feel that there are some freshmen who will see some varsity action this season," he said.

Freshmen Miriam Heilman at 5' 11" and Jody Giles also 5' 11", could shore up the front line. Poulson considers the top freshmen backcourter prospects to be Karen Eager (5'6") and Bev Wimer (5'6").

The Bearkittens have a height disadvantage to other conference teams, according to Poulson.

"We're about the same size we were last year. We're smaller than most teams in the conference so we have to rely on more changing around of personnel and more quickness," said Poulson.

"We don't have very many breathers," said Poulson in regard to the competition his Bearkittens will face this season. In nonconference play he expects Kansas University, Iowa State and Drake University to provide the stiffest opposition for the Bearkittens.

As far as the MAIAW goes, he anticipates the University of Missouri, Southwest Missouri State, and Central Missouri State to be top contenders along with NWMSU.

The remainder of the '78-'79 schedule has three tournaments slated for the 'Kittens: the Turkey at Springfield, the Ryland Miller at Maryville, and the Las Vegas tournament to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Poulson contends that the Vegas tournament will be the toughest by far, featuring nationally ranked Nevada-Las Vegas, Texas A&M, and Nebraska-Omaha.

In preparation for the Nov. 18 opener against St. Louis University in Lamkin Gym, the Bearkittens began workouts Sept. 25. The contest will be the first of eight Bearkitten home games this season.

In the next three weeks, the 'Kittens will be making use of intrasquad games. Squads are split up by Poulson then travel to area high schools to put on exhibition games. The Bearkittens will take their pre-season road show to the high schools of Chillicothe, Maryville, Platte City and Grant City, traveling later to Harlan, Iowa. Mini-clinics follow the scrimmage games, usually in the form of question and answer sessions.

## ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

Sometimes sports get lost in the shuffle.

Such is the case with women's volleyball. But this weekend, volleyball, not football, will be in the limelight as the Missouri Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's (MAIAW) state championships roll into Lamkin Gymnasium.

Eight teams will start play Friday in search of the state title. These eight teams are the School of the Ozarks, Missouri Southern, William Woods, Washington at St. Louis, Central Methodist, Northeast Missouri State, Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State.

Play begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday and lasts until 9:30 p.m. The top four teams will then play a single elimination tournament on Saturday with the championship game at 2. The top two finishers will travel to Duluth, Minn. to compete in the Region 6 championships.

Look for the Bearkittens to come out of the tournament with at least a third place finish. The 'Kittens began action on Friday at 10:30 a.m. against Washington and then play Central Methodist at 3 p.m. They round out the day with an 8 p.m. match with the School of the Ozarks. If the 'Kittens can come out of these matches with a winning record they should easily advance to the final four.

But there the team to watch will be Missouri Western. The 'Kittens have yet to defeat the Lady Griffs this year and the Western team is the two-time defending champion. If the 'Kittens have a good day and some moral support from fans they can defeat Missouri Western and come away with the state crown.

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# Sig Taus nab all-school title



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In the battle for the all-school championship last Sunday, the Sig Taus put pressure on Gary Gaetti, the Lagnaf quarterback. The Sig Taus defeated Lagnaf, 8-6.

In a game Sunday afternoon at Rickenbrode Stadium, the Sigma Tau Gamma Number 1 team edged the Lagnaf team 8-6 to capture the intramural championship.

The game was dominated by defenses that would bend but not break. A big play in the game was a defensive effort by Randy Hager who sacked Lagnaf quarterback Gary Gaetti in his endzone for a safety.

The Lagnaf team scored off their first possession of the game on a sustained drive that ended in a short pass over the middle from Gaetti to Gary Hinton. The point-after attempt was missed.

Neither team was able to move the ball effectively, but Lagnaf had the lead when Marty Albertson hit a 55-yard punt that put Lagnaf on its own one-foot line. They were able to move the ball out to the 15 with eight seconds remaining in the half. On fourth down trying to run out the clock, a fumble in the backfield occurred that gave the Sig Taus the ball on the Lagnaf seven. Albertson then hit Dave Pfeiffer on the last play of the half to tie the score at six. The point after was unsuccessful.

"It was a complete team effort for us," said Mike Lombardo, Sig Tau member. "We all played together."

Randy Huffman, captain of the Sig Taus, said that "the punting of Albertson helped

us out all season and it payed off today."

Lombardo also said the "support from other fraternities and sororities gave us an

added edge. That made us more motivated."

"Our defense is what stood out all year

for us. In the first half we didn't get it together, but we shut them down in the second half," said Craig Diggs.

## Goudge overcomes injury

by Suzie Zillner

Playing in only four football games last season because of a knee injury, Ted Goudge has bounced back to become third overall in squad defensive points this year.

Goudge, a junior of eligibility from Shenandoah, Iowa, is a transfer student from West Point Military Academy.

Last year before the season opener, Goudge injured his knee. He was out for seven weeks.

"When I received the injury, I was really depressed because I anticipated having a good playing season," recalled Goudge. "I was on crutches for nearly a month and almost had to learn to walk again. The injury really made me appreciate being healthy."

This season, Goudge says he's played good games and "games that weren't so good."

"I guess I'm like a perfectionist. I'm never happy with myself until I reach the

goal of doing everything right all of the time," he said.

Coach Jim Redd says Goudge is one of the most dedicated tacklers on the team. He said Goudge played a tremendous game against Central Missouri "by executing his position well and reading the option."

"He is a leader on the team and on the campus as well," Redd said, noting that Goudge is head RA at the North Complex dorms.

With a 0-9 record, the team still maintains enthusiasm, says Goudge.

"We have a different kind of enthusiasm now, than at the beginning of the year," he said. "At the start of the season, the team had the spirit of winning. Now we have the enthusiasm of playing a good football game."

A highlight of Goudge's NWMSU football career includes winning the

homecoming game last year. "It was the first NWMSU game I played in," he recalled.

Another high point in his career came this season against Fort Hayes when he made 20 tackles.

Goudge is also involved in the University track program. Last year, he placed third in his conference in the discus throw.

"I enjoy track because you get out what you put into it. In track, the guy who throws the best is the winner--there's no chance involved," he said.

His goal this spring is to qualify for nationals. "I'm hoping to improve my throw by about ten feet."

Goudge is majoring in geography with a geology minor. "I'm really pleased with the geography department here. The instructors are excellent," he said.

Goudge plans to attend graduate school this spring and hopes to find a geography-related job in the future.

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## Right to Work

### PRO

On Nov. 7, Missouri voters will go to the polls to give freedom of choice back to the workers.

The passage of Amendment 23 will give labor union control to the Union members instead of a handful of powerful leaders. Unions have so far held a monopoly since workers had no alternative but to join or lose their job. And because workers have no choice over the matter, there's no reason for union leadership to continue bettering their services for members.

If Levi's could force everyone to buy Levi jeans or lose their job, how hard would they work at improving the product? They wouldn't even have to try; and the same holds true for labor unions in Missouri.

Right-to-Work opposition, backed by the big money of union leadership, alleges the passage of Amendment 23 will destroy unions. What they don't mention is that in right-to-work-states, union membership has grown at a higher rate than in Missouri from 1974-76. Wages in these states also continue to climb, despite Amendment 23 opposition's claim that they should fall. In Iowa, a right-to-work state, workers average \$30 a week more than Missouri workers.

Besides lower earnings in Missouri, the United States Labor Department has projected the state will continue to lose jobs to right-to-work neighbors--Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa--until 1985.

With the passage of right-to-work bringing in new business, industry and, most importantly, jobs to these states, unemployment has also dropped. Missouri's unemployment rate is 5.1, while Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa's range from 2.8 to 3.2.

To compete with neighbor states for industry, lower unemployment and, most importantly, give back the right of free choice, Missouri needs Amendment 23.

### CON

If you think that Amendment 23 is some kind of doctrine of emancipation, you had better examine it again.

The amendment reads:

"Provides that no person be deprived of the right to work for any employer because of membership or nonmembership in any labor organization or because of payment or nonpayment of charges to any labor organization. It is estimated that there would be no additional cost or savings to the state if this amendment is adopted."

In other words, workers will be released from any obligation to join or financially support a labor organization.

In other words, workers will be caged by management.

But will Amendment 23 deny the worker another freedom, the privilege of participating in collective bargaining with management?

If Amendment 23 is passed, the worker will have the right to benefit from collective bargaining by organized labor though not supporting through membership or dues, those organizations.

What organized labor provides the worker is a means to negotiate with management for things like free medical care, security through seniority, paid vacations, better working conditions and a liveable wage. Those are things gained for the worker by the workers organizing to bargain with management. With right-to-work, organized labor is denied not only the membership of the worker but the financial support of those workers, which is so important to labor's dealings with management.

Without the organized effort of workers to deal with management, labor would be restricted by management to what management thinks they deserve. The high quality of living that we bask in and take for granted is due on the whole to the collected effort of organized labor in dealing with management.

Let's look at Amendment 23 again and figure the price of emancipation.

## LETTERS FROM READERS

### STROLLER ISN'T FUNNY

Dear Editor,

C'mon, now, admit it. The Stroller just isn't funny any more. Neither is Steve Martin. I scream and pull hair (mine) when I hear that worn out "Wild-and-crazy-guy" routine, or a shrill "excuse-me." Now that Mull is funny, but I digress.

Drinking beer and failing Biology is not uncommon, funny, or outrageous. It's humdrum. I want to read about the lunatic fringe, the real agents of moral decay. People like my roommate.

He stalks the campus trails day and night looking for trouble, stinking of cheap gin and ripe gym shoes. He looks like a boulder dressed in levis and a polyester shirt, no forehead (curly hair and eyebrows run together), square jaw, and appears to have just slid into third base on his mouth. His breath could strip varnish. He's ugly, stupid, mean, and jeez he gives me the creeps. But he sure makes out with the chicks.

Not the ones with warts, a moustache, and puppy-breath, either. I mean the classy dames. The ones that stop traffic in the cafeteria and bring you to your knees whimpering when they waltz by. I'm with you when I thought they'd go for the tall, handsome, rich rugby player in the flashy 'Vette. Apparently the secret is a toothless leer and a direct come-on ("Hey, toots, let's go get funky.")

Dormitory five-oh can hang the Stroller. I want to read what my roommate was doing with that long-haired Spanish ballering Tuesday under the stadium stands.

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### TELEPHONE SYSTEM CRITICIZED

Dear Editor,

I would like to voice my opinion on the poor phone system to the high rise dorms. Countless times, especially at night, I have tried to reach one of those dorms and received no answer from the University's answering service. This system doesn't seem to be very efficient especially when there is no operators, or an adequate number of them, to make this system run efficiently. The direct phone lines to the separate dorms worked much better. I would hate to think if an emergency did arise and someone had to be contacted, how it would be done if there were no operators on duty.

Perhaps there should be a re-evaluation of this system because there's definately room for some type of change!

Name Withheld



# ARE WE PROTECTED?

Arson.

It may be spreading from the town to campus. If so, it is important that the dorms are protected with good fire equipment.

Although \$20,000 has been spent in the last year on fire hose and dry chemical extinguishers, a *Missourian* investigation found that the North-South Complex still has soda acid extinguishers in the hall fire cabinets. The extinguishers cannot be used on electrical or metal fires.

Dry chemical fire extinguishers, which can be used on all types of fires, have been, or will soon be installed in the rest of the dorms, but Director of Campus Security Earl Brailey declined to say when the North-South Complex would receive new extinguishers.

Why do the students in these dorms have to rely on the soda acid extinguisher?

Lack of money is the reason according to Brailey.

At a cost of \$35 each, the dry chemical extinguishers needed in the North-South Complex would total \$800.

Five hundred to \$1000 is available now if the extinguishers are needed according to Housing Director Bruce Wake.

In an interview Tuesday, Wake said, "Yes, I would have the money available. But because of that I might have to reduce the furniture bought or alter the methods of the dorm repair. But I would give the fire extinguishers priority."

But Wake said he was not aware that fire extinguishers are needed and Brailey didn't know that money is available.

The two have not discussed dorm fire equipment since the middle of last summer, according to Wake.

With three dorm fires occurring within one week, it is vital that these two men take measures to equip the North-South Complex with proper extinguishers before students are hurt.

Once the fire alarm sounds, it's too late.



Photo by Jim MacNeil

## STUDENTS GIVE HONEST EVALUATIONS

by Mary Beth Clayton

As a student at NWMSU, I welcome the chance to voice my opinion of a teacher and class by the student evaluation sheet. I feel that most students give their honest opinions and do not "seek revenge" on these forms.

There have been times when I finished a semester class and felt the teacher was a moron and I could have gained as much knowledge while sleeping an extra hour. But when I was given the student evaluation sheet by the instructor I tried to constructively let it be known that I felt improvements were needed. Because this is just a personal opinion, the effectiveness of a

class and instructor cannot be determined by me. The overall rating shows a more complete picture and will be less subject to petty criticisms.

As far as merit slips, I agree evaluation sheets should be one of the factors in deciding the raises given. If a teacher has been here for ten years and has consistently received poor ratings with no attempt to improve, he does not deserve a financial benefit.

The students of NWMSU are paying for an education and the instructors here play a large part in determining if that money is well spent or thrown away.

## STROLLER

Realizing that his economic situation had reached an all-time low (72 cents), and that he owed every sucker naive enough to lend him money, your Stroller decided to enter the world of the working class.

After turning down job offers ranging from bank to University president, your Stroller graciously accepted a rather prestigious delivery position at one of the local pizza establishments.

Getting into the working grind was hard for your Hero in the beginning and the first days were quite trying. He was slow to discover the importance of the pizza industry until he realized it was the lifeline of campus life. Many students relied on this popular, circular dish for mere survival or at least an occasion to miss a SAGA meal.

Soon your Stroller began to take his new job very seriously and even learned the original motto: "The dough must go on."

It was late Friday night when your Hero was called upon a mission of mercy to a ravished female dorm.

Knowing he could put all of his confidence in those loyal, unrelentless, late-night desk workers, he walked straight to the desk. To his surprise, the trusty desk worker was not there to buzz his hungry customers. Obviously, she was not in her usual position behind the desk, she had to be unlocking a

door for some forgetful freshman or some other kindly mission. What other reason could possibly draw her away from her responsibilities, he wondered?

Deciding she would return shortly, your Hero decided to have a seat in the luxurious lounge. Planting his bottom on the nearest orange crate, he was shocked, disgusted and appalled at the sight before him. Naked as a new-born babe, were two students and . . . "Oh, no! . . . Could that be the dedicated deskworker who was supposedly protecting the defenseless women from early morning evils?!"

Playing it cool, your Campus Carouser strolled over to the busy couple to kindly ask the young lady to ring his customer's room. But in his rattled state of mind, he tripped on the crate and sent the pizza flying--straight at the happy couple.

In dismay your Stroller watched his carefully prepared pizza cover the two with pepperoni, tomato paste, cheese and dough. To top it off his presence and pizza-set off a mad dash by the young man for the door, running right over your Hero on his ways. Before he could wipe the footprints off his face, the faithful deskworker had already flown up the stairs.

Another glance at the messy lounge told your Campus Carouser his career in the pizza industry was through.

Oh, well, he thought, maybe he could get a job as a deskworker.

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